Pending Projects of Gujarat and Orissa

*326. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Ministe rof PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the projects of Gujarat and Orissa pending clearance with the Planing Commission;

(b) the year when these pending projects were submitted and the reasons for which so much delay has occurred; and

(c) what is the position of the following projects: (i) conversion of Veraval - Rajkot meter gauge section into broad gauge (ii) gas-based Pipavan Power House; and (iii) multipurpose Khambhat bridge-cum-road project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No project of Gujarat is pending with the Planning Commission for investment clearance. However, one project of Orissa, namely, Deo irrigation project is pending in the Planning Commission for investment clearance.

(b) The above irrigation project of Orissa was considered and found acceptable for investment clearance in the 51st meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources hald on 4-12-1991. The Planning Commission considers the investment clearance of Major and Medium irrigation projects only on reference and positive recommendation from the administrative Ministry. A decision on investment clearance by Planning Commission for this project will depend upon the priority to be fixed by the State Government to this project with in the availability of resources in Orissa's Eighth Plan, which is yet to be finalised.

(c) (i) The proposal for converting Veraval Rajkot Section of Railways from meter gauge to broad gauge was received in Planning Commission in September, 1988 and was cleared in March 1989 for inclusion in the Railways Eighth Five-Year Plan.

(ii) The Pipavan Gas Based Power Project was techno-economically cleared by Central Electricity Authority in October, 1989 subject to confirmation of gas availability by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Gas allocation has still not been confirmed.

(iii) There is no specific project known as "Multi purpose Khambhat bridge Cum road project".

Extension of Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme

*327. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the procurement charges for cotton of the Cotton Corporation of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has asked for extension to its Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme for ten years; and

(c) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India procures cotton at the minimum support prices fixed by the Government whenever the market prices of kapas fall below the support prices fixed by the Government. Otherwise, it undertakes.